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SASAKI, *et al.*

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Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that this citation be placed in the official file for the above-referenced patent application (now U.S. Patent No. 7,116,439).

Hamamoto et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,721,423), listed on the enclosed Information Disclosure Form 1449, discloses that a controller task sets the communication between a host PC8 and the scanner apparatus 1 into a standby mode. That is, the communication is set to a standby mode; however, a scan execution instruction is not brought into a standby state.

Hamamoto et al. fails to disclose a scan execution instruction in the standby state. That is, Hamamoto et al. fails to disclose a scanning execution standby mode setting means that accepts input for bringing an instruction for executing scanning of the original into a standby state. Hamamoto et al. also fails to disclose scan initiating means that releases the scan execution instruction from the standby state so as to initiate the scanning of the original.

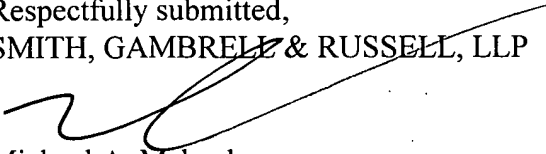
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Moreover, Hamamoto et al. does not disclose or suggest means for setting a scanning execution standby mode and transmission means, included in scanning instruction means for designating a reading area of the original based on the inputs of the reading size and the direction of the original that has been accepted by first and second setting means.

Respectfully submitted,  
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